



# CHAPEL TRAIL ELEMENTARY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



In the month of November Pre-K is learning the Seasons of the Year. As they work on Fall, the children are learning fall colors; green, orange and brown. In addition, they are adjusting well to routine and class rules. Pre-K is also learning calendar time, songs and enjoy having Specials such as: STEAM, MEDIA, P.E. and Music. Pre-k students are having loads of fun!

## Kindergarten

Our awesome Kindergarteners are continuing to make progress and take on challenges. In Reading, we are reading and comparing stories written by several authors to explore styles and purpose. Students are continuing to take part in the Accelerated Reader program and logging books read into Beanstalk. In Science, we will be learning how to sort objects by different observable properties. We will also explore how materials can go through physical changes. This month in Math, we will continue to work on addition and will begin to explore subtraction. We are also excited to learn about the different holidays observed in November. We are continuing to explore why rules and laws are important. Our students will learn what it means to be a good citizen. They will participate in voting activities as they learn about fair ways to make decisions. Kindergarteners are learning and growing all while having some fun!



Our fabulous first graders are continuing to make progress. The first quarter went by very quickly and we are excited to now be in the fall months. We are happy to announce that our first graders won the Battle of the Crayons and will be receiving a popsicle party! This month we are learning about Being a Good Community Member with our reading curriculum, adding and subtracting in math, and plant and animal needs in science.



Third Graders are learning about government and their role in it as citizens having rights, responsibilities, and the ability to bring about change. As local elections are held, students will be able to apply this new knowledge to the real world and better understand how voting and leadership impact society. Students are also practicing division, informative/expository essay writing, and the classification of plants.

Our spectacular second grade is working hard in all areas. Fables and folktales have been our focus in Reading and the children have been identifying different characters' perspectives. In Math, we explored the strategies for addition using mental math. We are excited to start learning about the Indigenous people of North America and how their lifestyle was affected by the regions they lived in.



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Fall is in the air, and learning can be seen everywhere in our Fabulous Fourth Grade classrooms! We have kicked off the fall season with our annual Trunk-or-Treat event! Our classes have also enjoyed a fun and hands-on Science Eye experience in which students explored rocks and minerals. We are now wrapping up our weathering and erosion unit. Next, we will be exploring behaviors, traits, and adaptations. In Reading, we have been focusing on the different levels of government as we target text structures and text features in informational texts. Native American groups in the state of Florida have been our main focus in Social Studies, and we have been challenged in math as we have been deepening our multiplication skills.

As we enter a month of reflecting on things we are thankful for, Fifth grade is thankful for all that we have learned up to this point and all we still have to look forward to. We had a great time at JA Biztown! The students were so excited to work a job and learn about banking! Trunk or Treat and book fair were a big hit! Thank you to all who came out to this wonderful school event. We now look forward to going to Universal Studios in January! In Reading we are focusing on US History and the Constitution. Students did research on authors to write a compare and contrast essay. In Science, we are beginning to transition from Life Science to Physical Science where we will begin with exploring Physical and Chemical Changes in Matter. In Math, we are focusing on division of whole numbers and decimals. Thank you, parents, for all of your continued support in your child's education!



## SPECIALS

We had a wonderful first quarter with our Gators and are looking forward to all the fun that the new quarter brings. Sharing our recap for the month of October! In the media center, Ms. Rosenthal is wrapping up the book fair. We had so much fun "Falling in love" with good books! In STEAM, Mrs. Sanchez has been busy with a STEM marble cauldron activity. Students worked collaboratively to create "cauldron hangers" that had to be raised off the ground and support the weight of many marbles. Mr. Hodge has been working on learning the school song, counting, and clapping rhythms, and learning singing techniques. With Coach Blocker, students worked on their locomotor skills (K-2), ball handling, dribbling, passing, and shooting. Excited to share all we have planned for November!



## Literacy

When students sing while tracking the lyrics to songs, they are in essence reading. Singing increases time spent reading. The joy in singing plays a major role in motivating students to sing (and read) even more. Songs are an excellent tool because they have certain characteristics that make them more enjoyable and memorable. The melody and rhythm in songs helps to make them easy to learn and easy to remember. Song lyrics (a form of poetry) often are embedded with rhyme and alliteration. This playing with the sounds of language through song can be a gateway to the development of phonemic awareness.

## GATOR PALS



Our Gator Pals Program has officially begun!

Meetings will be held once a month, with the first meeting taking place on Wednesday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>



## Harvest Drive

This year's Harvest Drive takes place from October 31<sup>st</sup> -November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting specific household and breakfast items. These items can be dropped off during arrival and dismissal at both entrances. The grade that collects the most items will receive a sweet treat!



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